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In re application of

Stephen J. Schmid

Application No. 09/742,791

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO
FACILITATE COMPETITIVE FINANCING
ACTIVITIES AMONG MYRIAD LENDERS
ON BEHALF OF ONE BORROWER

DECISION ON REQUEST
FOR WITHDRAWAL OF
ATTORNEY

This is a decision on the request filed on February 17, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.36 and MPEP 402.06, requesting permission to withdraw as the attorney of record in the above-identified application.

The request is **NOT APPROVED**

Under 37 CFR 1.36 an attorney may withdraw only upon application to and approval by the Commissioner. It should be noted that a withdrawal is effective when approved, not when filed. Besides giving due notice to his or her client and delivering to the client all papers and property to which the client is entitled as specified under 37 CFR 10.40, approval of such a request requires that the following conditions be met:

- A) Each attorney of record must sign the notice of withdrawal, or the notice must contain a clear indication of one attorney signing on behalf of another, because the Office does not recognize law firms;
- B) A proper reason for the withdrawal as enumerated in 37 CFR 10.40(b) or subsection (1)-(6) of 37 CFR 10.40(c) must be provided; and
- C) If withdrawal is requested in accordance with 37 CFR 10.40(c) above, there must be at least 30 days between approval of the withdrawal and the later of the expiration date of a time period for reply or the expiration date of the period which can be obtained by a petition and fee for extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The request to withdraw as attorney is not accepted in the above-identified application because the request lacks condition A) above.

There are currently 18 attorneys of record in this application. Each attorney must sign or a clear indication of one signing on behalf of the others is required.

If only the attorneys listed in the request are to have power withdrawn (customer no. 23122) and the remaining attorneys are intended to remain having power of attorney for this case, this needs to be made clear in any supplemental request; otherwise the other attorneys, or a statement that all attorneys of record, would need to be added to the request.



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